

B. WHAT MAKES UP A FAMILY?

Effective July 1, 2002

WAC 388-290-0015 How does the WCCC program determine my family size for eligibility?

We determine your family size by reviewing those individuals who live together in the same household as follows:

1. If you are:	We count the following individuals as part of the family for WCCC eligibility:
a. A single parent, including a minor parent living independently;	You and your children.
b. Unmarried parents who have at least one mutual child;	Both parent and all of their children living in the household.
c. Unmarried parents with no mutual children;	Unmarried parents and their respective children are counted as separate WCCC families.
d. Married parents;	Both parents and all their children living in the household.
e. Undocumented parents;	Parents and children, documented and undocumented, as long as the child needing care is a U.S. citizen or legally residing in the United States. All other family rules in this section apply.
f. A consumer as defined in WAC 388-290-0005 (2)(c) through (i) and you are not financially responsible for the children;	Only the children are counted as the WCCC family. The children and their income are counted.
g. A minor parent with children and live with a parent or guardian;	Only the minor parent and their children.
h. A family member who is out of the	The absent individual, the children, and

household because of employment requirements, such as the military or training.	the other parent if it is a two-parent family. All other family rules in this section apply.
2. If your household includes:	We count the following individuals as part of the family for WCCC eligibility:
a. Eighteen year old siblings of the children requiring care who are enrolled in secondary education or general equivalency diploma (GED) program.	The eighteen year old siblings unless they are a parent themselves, until they turn nineteen, or complete, high school/GED, whichever comes first. All other family rules in this section apply.
b. Siblings of the children requiring care who are individuals up to twenty-one years of age and who are participating in program through the school district's special education department under RCW 28A.155.0202.	The individual participating in an approved program through RCW 28A.155.0202 up to twenty-one years of age (unless they are a parent themselves). All other family rules in this section apply.
<p>Click on the Washington State Register (WSR) numbers below to go to the official filings for this WAC at the Washington State Code Reviser's web site.</p> <p>Current Version: WSR 02-12-069, effective 7/1/02</p> <p>Previous Version: WSR 02-01-135, effective 1/19/02.</p>	

CLARIFYING INFORMATION

1. Married or unmarried TANF and non-TANF minor parents are considered a separate family when they, with their child, reside with a parent, or guardian.
 - a. The income of the grandparent or guardian is not counted toward household income.
 - b. The ability and availability of the grandparent or guardian to provide care is not considered.

EXAMPLE 1

Jack and Diane are the unmarried parents of Shady Tree. The three of them live with Diane's mother. Diane has 1 sibling still living at home. Jack, Diane, and Shady Tree are considered a separate family from Diane's mother and sibling. Consider only the

income of Jack, Diane and Shady Tree for the purposes of eligibility and co-payment. Do not consider Diane's mother for ability or availability to provide care.

EXAMPLE 2

Tony is a single father of a one year old child. He and the child live with his father. Tony, his child and his father are all on a TANF grant together. Tony needs child care to attend his last year of high school.

The AW would count only Tony and his child as part of the WCCC household and their income for eligibility and co-payment purposes. Tony's father would not be considered for ability or availability to provide care for his grandchild.

2. The employment earnings of a person described in [WAC 388-290-0015 \(2\)](#) are not counted toward the household's income.

EXAMPLE 1

Mary applies for child care while she is employed. She has two children - an 11-year-old and a 18-year old who are siblings. The 11-year-old requires before and after school care. The 18-year-old is enrolled in high school and working part-time. Include the 18-year-old as part of the household until she has completed high school or turns 19 whichever comes first. Do not count the 18-year-old's employment earnings toward the household income.

EXAMPLE 2

Jack and Janet apply for care for their 9-year-old and a 19-year-old. The 19-year-old is still enrolled in a special education program at the high school. He also works at a sheltered employment site. The 19-year-old is counted as a member of the household but his income is not counted. The family size is four.

See D. - [Allowable Activities for WCCC Consumers](#) for information about consumers who are self-employed and who are not in approved activities.